GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRITERIA FOR TENDER
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received representations from Association of Small Industries of India and All India Small-Scale Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, Delhi urging the Government for withdrawl of Rs.20 crore eligibility criteria for Employees State Insurance Corporation`s Tenders;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons and justification for changing the criteria so far adopted;

(c) whether the change in criteria has been effected to help big units and multi-national companies, while eliminating small-scale units below Rs.20 crore turnover in spite of their quality products; and

(d) if not, whether the Gopvernment propose to reconsider and direct ESIC to revise its decisions to enable small scale and pharma units to participate in tender in accordance with the policy of Government to help small-scale sector ensuring level playing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): There have been complaints about supply of poor quality drugs in ESIhospitals/dispensaries. There were also several instances where the suppliers failed to honour their contractual commitment in bulk supply of medicines for the ESI Scheme.These problems have been examined by various Committees. Based on the reports of some Committees, the ESIC has since included Rs. 20.00 Crore turn-over clause in the tender inquiry so as to improve the quality and availability of drugs/medicines under the ESI Scheme. The provision of turn-over clause included in the tender inquiry has been challenged in the Court of Law and is sub judice.